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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF : :

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SERIAL NO.: NEW APPLICATION : :

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FOR: METHOD FOR INTRODUCING A GENE INTO A PLANT USING AN  
ADVENTITIOUS BUD REDIFFERENTIATION GENE UNDER THE CONTROL OF  
A LIGHT-INDUCIBLE PROMOTER AS A SELECTABLE MARKER GENE, AND  
VECTOR FOR INTRODUCING A GENE INTO A PLANT USING THE SAME

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121(c)(3), Applicants provide a clean copy of all pending claims below and append a "Marked-up" copy of the amended claims at the end of this amendment.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

--1. (Amended) A method for introducing a gene into a plant, which comprises:

(A) introducing a gene into a plant cell using a vector comprising an adventitious shoot redifferentiation gene as a selectable marker gene under the control of a light-inducible promoter, and

(B) culturing said plant cell into a tissue and selecting a transgenic tissue expressing said adventitious shoot redifferentiation gene, and

(C) regenerating a plant from said transgenic tissue.

2. (Amended) The method according to Claim 1, wherein said transgenic tissue is